GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4067
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SETTING UP OF WIND MILLS ON MOUNTAIN TOPS
SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

:

(a) whether the Government propose to use hill tops for setting up of wind mills which are under the forest land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such sites identified in the western ghats of Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): Wind power projects of aggregate capacity above 1850 MW have been installed in the country so far, mainly as commercial projects through private sector investments. The projects have been installed at windy sites which also include potential sites in hilly areas. Where necessary, appropriate forestry clearance has been obtained.

(c): 26 potential sites have been identified in the State of Maharashtra, including sites in the western ghats. However, as of now the State Government do not plan to set up wind power projects on hill tops which are under forest land.